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1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM NASA DEPUTY
ADMINISTRATOR LOVELACE TO PETROV OF INTERKOSMOS.

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2. DECEMBER 28, 1977 (04.00)

ACADEMICIAN BORIS N. PETROV
CHAIRMAN
COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN
THE EXPLORATION AND USES OF OUTER SPACE

ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE U.S.S.R.
MOSCOW, V-71, U.S.S.R.

DEAR ACADEMICIAN PETROV:

I AM RESPONDING TO ACADEMICIAN ALEKSANDROV'S LETTER OF
APRIL 22 AND THE ATTACHMENT COMMENTING ON OUR SUGGESTIONS
CONCERNING FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUPS

(JWG'S) UNDER OUR JANUARY 1971 AGREEMENT ON SPACE SCIENCE
AND APPLICATIONS. WE APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERA-
TION OF OUR PROPOSALS AND BELIEVE IT SHOULD NOW BE POSSIBLE
TO RENEW THIS AGREEMENT WITH THE INTENTION ON BOTH SIDES TO
ORGANIZE THE FUTURE EFFORTS OF THE WORKING GROUPS IN A MORE
EFFECTIVE AND EXPLICIT FASHION.

IN A NUMBER OF AREAS, IT APPEARS THAT WE ARE IN FULL AGREE-
MENT, E.G.,

- EMPHASIS ON WORK OF A MORE SPECIALLY BILATERAL CHARACTER,
- PRE-FLIGHT EXCHANGES IN PLANETARY PROGRAMS, FOLLOWING ON
THE NOVEMBER PETROV-HINNERS-GVISHIANI DISCUSSION.
- CONTINUED AND RECIPROCAL WORK IN LIFE SCIENCES INCLUDING
GROUND LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS,
- CONTINUED EXCHANGES OF LUNAR SAMPLES,
- INVESTIGATIONS OF VEGETATION AND SOILS AS WELL AS
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--A FOCUS IN METEOROLOGY ON TEMPERATURE SOUNDINGS FROM
SATELLITE, AND

--ON THE STUDY OF MINOR CONSTITUENTS.

WHILE THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENCES AS TO OTHER SUBJECT AREAS,
WE ARE PREPARED TO PROCEED, WITH RESPECT TO SUCH OTHER
SUBJECTS, ON THE BASIS THAT WE WILL NOT ARBITRARILY EXCLUDE
THEM FROM FUTURE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY. INSTEAD, WE ARE
PREPARED TO LEAVE IT TO THE APPROPRIATE JOINT WORKING
GROUPS TO ATTEMPT IN THESE CASES TO DEFINE AND RECOMMEND
CONCRETE AND MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE OBJECTIVES AND THE PRECISE
DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ACHIEVING THEM.

IF THIS APPEARS TO YOU A SATISFACTORY BASIS FOR PROCEEDING,
WE ARE AGREEABLE TO RENEWING THE JANUARY 1971 AGREEMENT FOR
A FURTHER TERM TO COINCIDE WITH THE MAY 1977-82 INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL SPACE AGREEMENT.

THE DATE OF YOUR REPLY TO THIS LETTER WOULD THEN BECOME THE
EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE SECOND EXTENSION OF THE JANUARY 21,
1971 SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS ON SPACE COOPERATION

BETWEEN THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE USSR AND THE US
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION. THIS LETTER
AND OUR PAST CORRESPONDENCE ON THE FUTURE WORK OF THE
JWG'S, INCLUDING MY FEBRUARY 8, 1977 LETTER TO YOU AND YOUR
APRIL 22, 1977 LETTER TO ME, BOTH WITH ATTACHMENTS, SHOULD
BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD IN THE
AGREEMENT'S EXTENSION, AND SHOULD SERVE AS GUIDELINES FOR
OUR JWG CO-CHAIRMEN IN PLANNING THEIR FUTURE WORK.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

SINCERELY,

A. M. LOVELACE
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